

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION  
SMALL INVENTOR

I, Eli Brown, Whitman College, 345 Broyer Avenue, Walla Walla, Washington 99362, hereby declare that I am a citizen of the United States; that I verily believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the invention Iron Cover and claimed in the attached specification, which is a continuation-in-part application of the originally filed provisional application entitled "Iron Cover" filed 11/26/99, Serial No. 60/167,580, now abandoned, that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration, that I do not know and do not believe that this invention was ever known or used in the United States before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States for more than one year prior to this application; that this invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any country foreign to the United States in an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months before this application; that I acknowledge a duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of the application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a); and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on the invention has been filed by me or my representatives or assigns or with my knowledge and consent in any country foreign to the United States.

I further appoint Marcus G. Theodore, Registration No. 26,815, 466 South 500 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102, Telephone No. (801) 359-8622 as my attorney authorized to act in a representative capacity for the purpose of receiving all responses thereto, responding to office actions, filing amendments, continuation-in-part applications, and other documents necessary for prosecuting the appended application.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of the United States application listed above, and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States Application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 34, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national filing of this application.

I, the undersigned petition declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements made will jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: 10/23/00

  
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Inventor: Eli Brown

Invention: Iron Cover

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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION)  
CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27 (b))

I hereby declare that I, Eli Brown, am the inventor of the above referenced application, that I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and are under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person or entity who would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

I further acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein are made of my own knowledge and are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the

application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

Dated this 23 day of October <sup>2000</sup> 1999.

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#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing Small Inventor Declaration to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, postage prepaid, this 23 day of October 2000.

